

24 September 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Bross

SUBJECT: State's "Comprehensive Programming System".

REFERENCE: Memo from Gerry Miller to you, subject as above, dtd 11 Feb. '64 (copy attached)

1. The reference memo has just come to my attention today.
2. Obviously the subject matter is of keen interest to me and has a direct bearing on the proposed Community "census". The implications of increased State control over CIA activities through a state programming system that would encompass not only their own operations by those of others makes this a sensitive matter. However, I would think that the NIPE Staff could explore the subject from the ICI's overall community perspective and with respect only to the "census" type information such a program system would provide on State personnel and their activities in the field of intelligence.
3. In any event, I would like to get briefed on the subject. This could be done, perhaps, through Gerry Miller and arrange to talk to Mr. Barrett whom I do not know. An other approach would be to ask my old friend Bill McAfee about it and have him arrange whatever meetings were necessary - this would tend to keep the discussion targetted on the intelligence interests involved.
4. I am particularly interested in the fact that this program system attacks the problem on a country by country basis - an approach which I am increasingly coming to believe may be the answer to our overall Community problem of identifying the "order of battle" of the intelligence effort.

RST:eh